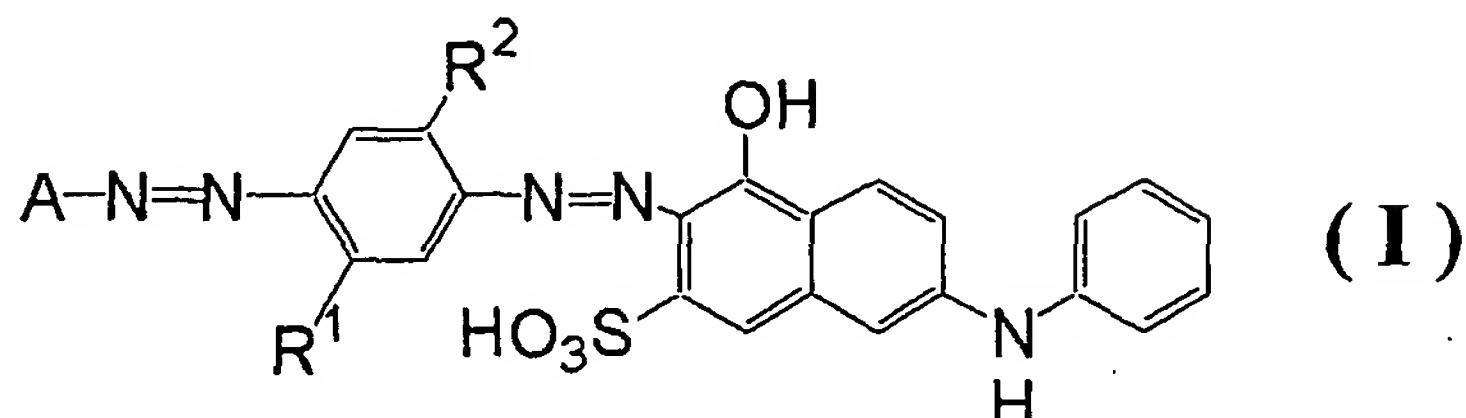


**Abstract**

The present invention provides a disazo compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof



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wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl or 6,8-disulfo-2-naphthyl, one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen and the other represents methyl

The present invention also provides a dye-based polarizing film comprising a base material and the disazo compound of the formula (I) or the salt thereof contained in the base material.

The disazo compound of the present invention provides a polarizing film, which is excellent in light resistance and initial polarizing performance, particularly light resistance when used as a polarizing element.